



Request  
For  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal

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Application Number	09/903,412
Filing Date	July 11, 2001
First Named Inventor	Shohei Koide
Group Art Unit	1639
Examiner Name	Theresa Wessendorf
Attorney Docket Number	17027-003001

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s)
  - a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendment filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Enclosed
 

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
  - a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
  - b.  Other Petition for Three Month Extension of Time
3. **Fee** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050
    - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
    - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii.  Other Any deficiencies
  - b.  Check in the amount of \$ 860 enclosed (\$385 – RCE fee and \$475 Extension of Time fee)
  - c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Ann S. Viksnins	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	37,748
Signature	<u>Ann S. Viksnins</u>	Date	<u>2 April 2004</u>

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL**

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